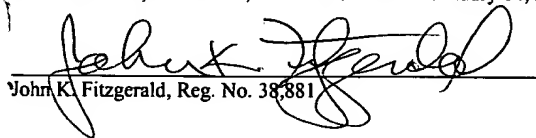




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RESPONSE/RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Dear Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, the response for which is due January 16, 2004. The Office Action required a restriction of the application to claims 1-11 and 20 (Invention I), claims 12-17 (Invention II) or claims 18-19 (Invention III).

Applicants hereby elects with traverse, Invention I with the Office Action defined to include apparatus claims 1-11, and 20.